

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-7, 9-14, 16-19 are pending in the instant application. Claims 20-21, 23-26 and 27-47 are cancelled without disclaimer of the subject matter, which may be pursued in a later application.

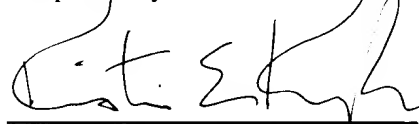
The Examiner noted on page 3 of the Office Action that claims 1, 3-7, 9-14, 16-19 are allowed. All other claims have been canceled herewith by Applicants. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants are filing this response within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, and respectfully request an expedited Advisory Action in response.

No fee is believed due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-577ACIP3). Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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